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All's right with the world.
—Browning.

The "Black Death" Spreads at an Alarming Rate.

The latest cablegrams indicate that the bubonic plague is spreading in an alarming manner in the east, and that it is now attacking Europeans. Until recently the present visitation has been almost wholly confined to natives of the East, but now Western people are beginning to fall victims to it.

This terrible disease has been more or less prevalent in certain parts of China since the seventeenth century, when it gained such terrific headway that it swept all Europe, and nearly depopulated Marseilles, to say nothing of the horrors it wrought in London, as chronicled by Defoe. The disease took pestilential form in Canton about two years ago, and it is interesting at this stage to learn from medical missionary experts how it was propagated. There is a wide, open ditch about a portion of the city, into which all the refuse and exuvia of the swarming population is emptied. It is the placid Chinese theory that the tide washes the festering mass away. The tide does nothing of the kind, and the filth remains there in the blistering sun to the depth of two or three feet, a breeding place for myriads of rats and other foul vermin. It is a curious fact that in all violent outbreaks of the bubonic plague, rats seemed first to be seized with it, and their death in great numbers always preceded by a few days corresponding ravages among human beings. The rats swarming out of the extra-mural ditch about Canton and dying by thousands was the first warning the Chinamen had that an epidemic of the disease was upon them. They burned red paper, tried to fool the gods by changing the date of the new year and died by the thousands, convinced that they had taken all the sanitary precautions within the power of man.

The plague was next heard of in Formosa, just before the conquering of that island was undertaken by the Japanese, and to the Malay Peninsula. The Japanese, freed from much of the old-time superstition which afflicted them, as well as the non-progressive Chinese, made a strong and intelligent fight against the deadly invader, and have not suffered much from its ravages. The disease, however, crept up to India, and then we began to hear much about it. It had spread with frightful rapidity. A press dispatch from Bombay last week reported 2,000 cases and 1,300 deaths up to date. Europeans and such natives as were able to get away were leaving the city by thousands. The newspapers were threatening martial law unless the natives obeyed the sanitary regulations. Now the information is that the plague is getting worse, and that a prominent British medical expert is the latest victim. Some idea of the panic which prevails in Bombay is gathered from the announcement that 25,000 persons have fled from that city alone in hopes of avoiding contagion. The lamentable feature is that in many cases they simply took the plague to population centers where it did not previously exist. How difficult it is for intelligent persons to stay the scourge is made apparent by the cable announcement that many victims refuse to accept medical treatment, regarding the disease as a visitation of God. A visitation of God it certainly is, but simply as a result of the failure of the people to obey the natural sanitary laws of the Creator.

In India, as in China, the advent of the plague was heralded by an epidemic among rats, which were found dead by the hundreds in and about the native dwellings. In some instances rats, evidently suffering from the disease, swarmed, swollen and dying, into rooms where were human beings. They reeled and staggered and wandered aimlessly about as though in the same delirium which marks a certain stage of the disease in man.

A feature of the disease is the suddenness of attack and the awful rapidity with which one stage follows another until death ensues. The first symptom is usually a chill, as in an ague. Then follows an acute nervousness and mental disturbance, with a fever that sends the temperature up to from 100 to 107. The patient staggers like a drunken man. Headache, a burning thirst, and intense pain in the upper part of the abdomen follow. A sticky perspiration exudes from the pores, and then follows the glandular swellings from which the disease takes its name. These last occur in the groin or neck, or very frequently, under the armpits. The swelling is oval and egg-like in shape, and the

more of them there are the less dangerous is the attack. Sudden, still-like pains shoot through the body, and this gave rise to the superstition among the Turks that the man with the plague is wounded by the arrow of an invisible devil. Dark spots—whence comes the name of the "black death"—appear on the skin of the victim just before dissolution. These spots were called the "tokens," and their appearance was the signal for abandonment of all hope in the Middle Ages, and the victim was then and there scared to death by being told that all was over.

An eminent Japanese bacteriologist, Prof. Kita-Soto, who studied in Europe under Koch, has discovered the microbe of the "black death," and his discovery was confirmed by Prof. Gersin, formerly attached to the Pasteur laboratory in Paris. The bacillus is short, thick, easy of culture, and when inoculated on guinea pigs kills them in 24 hours. Specimens of bacilli-infected glandular swellings taken from victims of the disease have been forwarded to Paris, and it is hoped a vaccine may be obtained that will prove efficacious.

It is to be hoped that modern civilization will keep this new scourge within eastern bounds. When it last visited England, in 1665, over 100,000 persons met their death by it; but the laws of health were then scarcely known, and sanitary precautions had not been thought of, even in the British metropolis. Now the nations of the earth are on the alert, not only to prevent the importation of the plague, but if unfortunately an individual case is discovered to have been landed, to promptly isolate the afflicted one, and devote the best remedies known to science to effect a cure and stamp out the disease.

These precautions have been eminently successful in repelling Asiatic cholera, which once was the dread of all western nations. It did not keep out the grip, which was first heard of in an alarming form in a far distant part of Russia, but that was because of the comparative novelty of the malady. With the "black death" it is different; it is known, it is feared, and we may rely on it that the quarantine authorities will take increasing care to resist its spread westward, and they will have the united aid of all progressive Governments.

Chicago City Council has passed an anti-theater hat bylaw. It provides that it shall be unlawful for any one controlling a theater or place of amusement to permit or tolerate the wearing of any hat or other headgear by any person while in the theater or place of amusement during the performance or during the rendition of any programme on the stage or platform. Heavy penalties are attached for each offense. The permitting or tolerating the wearing of each hat during the progress of the programme or performance will constitute a separate and distinct offense. The bylaw was passed with ease; but how will it be enforced if the ladies say "No"?

Coming Bye-Elections.

The vacant seats in the Dominion House of Commons will be promptly filled. Speaker Edgar has issued his warrant for bye-elections in South Brant, vacated by Mr. Henry East Simcoe, vacated by Mr. Bennett, and North Ontario, vacated by Mr. McGillivray. The bye-elections will take place all on the same day. Under the late Government, the elections were not held on one day, in order that the Administration might have an undue advantage over its opponents. It is expected the elections will be held in the second week of February. As these were all Conservative seats in the last election the Government has everything to gain and nothing to lose in these contests.

A Fair Attraction.

A lady has written to the president of the Toronto Exhibition, offering to attend that show this, the 60th year of her Majesty's reign, and give a "living representation" of Queen Victoria. "I am," says the applicant, "the same height, and similar form and features, and very little adventitious aid would transform me into a perfect counterpart of her Majesty, of whom I have a portrait, which is frequently mistaken for one of myself." The Toronto authorities do not look kindly on the good lady's suggestion. Perhaps she will meet with a better reception if she applies to Mr. Brown, the wide-awake secretary of the Western Fair. He is always on the lookout for novelties. By the way, we have in London a lady who very much resembles the Queen. This lady is about her Majesty's age, and a somewhat remarkable experience is related regarding her likeness to the Queen. When the Princess Victoria was a little maid, her mother, the Duchess of Kent, was in the habit of taking her to a fashionable watering place. To this place, also, was taken the little girl who is now a resident of this Western metropolis. Even at that early age she so much resembled the Princess Victoria that she was repeatedly mistaken for her Majesty by visitors and citizens. This lady, it may be added, is not the correspondent of the Toronto Fair managers.

OHEATED THE DENTIST.

Mother—Why, Johnnie, what on earth have you been doing?
Johnnie—Fighting. And you owe me half a crown on it. You know the tooth you was going to pay the dentist to draw?
Yes.
Well, Billy Biffer knocked it out."

Railway Matters.

Increased Receipts of the Canadian Roads.

The Mackinaw Railway Sold—New Style of Cash Box for Street Cars.

Conductor Rice has been transferred from the Grand Trunk to the Chicago and Grand Trunk.

In railway circles in Toronto there is a rumor that Middle District Superintendent Fitzhugh will be transferred to Detroit.

The Mackinaw Railway was sold at Van Wert, O., yesterday to Senator Calvin S. Bruce. The consideration was \$1,000,000.

Grand Trunk Railway return of traffic, period ending Dec. 31, 1896: Passengers have been sent to Pittsburgh for 489; 1895, 517,132; freight train earnings, 1896, \$296,218; 1895, \$225,921. Totals: 1896, \$343,707; 1895, \$443,103. Increase, 1896, \$180,484.

The Montreal street railway management have adopted a new style of cash box for their conductors, furnished with a new locking arrangement, an improved receiver, which, the moment the coin strikes the aperture, seizes it with a tight grip, preventing its removal.

The first electric engine from the Baldwin locomotive works and the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company has been sent to Pittsburgh for trial. It will be put to work on the Tully Creek branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad in August.

The test has an important bearing upon the future of railroads in the United States and in the world.

The main event of the G. T. R. have made a great change in reducing the quantity of oil used for lubricating purposes by one-half. A new oil has been introduced, by which a saving of 16 per cent in oil, 20 per cent in brass, and 28 per cent in coal can be made.

The Grand Trunk management has determined to give a free pass to any point on the line once a year to every employee who supplies for it.

Return of traffic earnings of Canadian Pacific Railway from Dec. 21 to Dec. 31:

1896	\$891,000
1895	645,000
Increase	\$246,000

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Mme. Adeline Patti has arrived in Paris.

Railway men from the east report deep snow at Buffalo.

Peter Kennell, incarcerated in the Ottawa jail for vagrancy, died yesterday in that institution.

Rev. George Clouthier, chaplain of the Stony Mountain Penitentiary, has been dismissed by the Minister of Justice.

The failures in the city of Montreal during the past year were considerably in excess of those of the two previous years.

Mr. E. Y. Eaton, vice-president of the T. Eaton Co., Toronto, was married Wednesday afternoon to Miss Mabel Eckhardt, daughter of Mr. Wm. Eckhardt.

The Newfoundland Legislature will convene on Feb. 11. The Government will introduce a resolution early in the session favoring reciprocity with the United States.

While Ezekiel Glazer, about sixty years of age, was on his way home at Kingston, Ont., he dropped dead. Heart failure is supposed to be the cause of death.

Secretary Keane, of the Associated Charities, Ottawa, was applied to yesterday by a widower for enough money to buy a marriage license. The man who wanted to get married said that if he had the license, Dr. Mark would marry him for nothing.

George Legge, the defaulting treasurer of Pike county, Ohio, who embezzled about \$17,000 of the county's money, pleaded guilty to the crime, and was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary, and to pay a fine of twice the amount of the defalcation.

Two burglars entered the house of James Ray, an Ansonia farmer, living two miles from Ansonia, on the Sulphur Springs, Friday night, and with a gun and revolver killed Mr. Ray. They demanded his money or his life. They men got \$307 which Mr. Ray had in a bag.

Coal gas from a cook stove nearly asphyxiated Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGee, of Hamilton, on Tuesday night last, and rendered both unconscious for some time. Mrs. McGee is now out of danger, but Mr. McGee's illness has developed into pneumonia and his condition is critical.

JOHNNIE'S REMEDY.

"This won't do," exclaimed Mrs. Box excitedly, "there's thirteen at the table."

"Never mind, ma," shouted little Johnnie, "I kin eat fur two."

DOWN THE DECLINE.

Rheumatism and Constipation, the enemies of old age, routed by Mack's Rheumatic (Liver and Kidney) Pills.

"These Mack Pills have indeed been a comfort to me," said an old gentleman of seventy winters. "I was crippled with rheumatism, but since taking Mack's Pills I am getting as supple as a boy. Constipation bothered me considerably, but the pills have happily freed me from that ailment." No remedy for old people equal to Mack's Pills. Price fifty cents, all druggists.

"Cough Chaser"—Quick to catch and kill a Cough. 10c.

To aid digestion and lay up a store of health, use Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum.

See that the trade mark name Tutti Frutti is on each package. Save coupons for books and music.

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FRIDAY

Jan. 8, 1897.

Radway's Ready Relief

WILL AFFORD INSTANT EASE.

For headaches (whether sick or nervous), toothache, neuralgia, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and weakness in the back, spine or kidneys, pains around the liver, pleurisy, swelling of the joints and pains of all kinds, the application of Radway's Ready Relief will afford immediate ease, and its continued use for a few days effect a permanent cure.

Radway's Ready Relief CURES AND PREVENTS

Colds, Coughs, Sore Throat, Influenza, Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headache, Toothache, Asthma, Difficult Breathing.

CURES THE WORST PAINS in from one to twenty minutes. Not one hour after reading this advertisement need anyone SUFFER WITH PAIN.

Internally—A half to a teaspoonful in half a tumbler of water will in a few minutes cure Croup, Spasms, Cholera, Stomachic, Vomiting, Heartburn, Sick Headache, Diarrhoea, Colic, Indigestion and all internal pains.

MALARIA in its various forms CURED AND PREVENTED.

There is not a remedial agent in the world that will cure Fever and Ague and all other Malarious, Bilious and other fevers, aided by RADWAY'S PILLS, so quickly as RADWAY'S READY RELIEF.

Travelers should always carry a bottle of Radway's Ready Relief with them. A few drops in water will prevent sickness or pain from change of water. It is better than French brandy or bitters as a stimulant.

Price 50c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Radway's Pills

MILD BUT EFFECTIVE.

Purely vegetable, act without pain, elegantly coated, tasteless, small and easy to take.

Radway's Pills assist nature, stimulating to healthy activity the liver, bowels, and other digestive organs, leaving the bowels in a natural condition without any bad after-effects.

CURE

SICK HEADACHE, FEMALE COMPLAINTS, BILIOUSNESS, CONSTIPATION, PILES and ALL LIVER DISORDERS.

RADWAY'S PILLS cause perfect digestion, complete absorption and healthy regularity.

Price 50c per box. Sold by druggists or sent by mail.

Send to DR. RADWAY & CO., No. 7 St. Helens Street, Montreal, for Book of Advice.

Light, white, healthful, palate pleasing—all this in Tillson's Roller process Buckwheat Flour. Yet you keep on paying the same price for what you think is "good enough." Your grocer knows that "good enough" won't do nowadays. He is progressive. The best makes most business. He has it. Ask him about it if he has not already told you.

THE TILSON CO., Ltd., Tillsonburg, Ont.

TYPE THE "EMPIRE"

WRITERS... Latest and Best. HALF THE PRICE OF OTHERS.

The name of the manufacturer is a guarantee of its quality. Agents wanted. The Williams Mfg. Co. Ltd., Montreal, P.Q. Chas. A. Coll, Agent, 314 Dundas street, London, Ont.

A CLEAR COMPLEXION

The Outward Sign of Inward HEALTH.

BEAUTIFUL NECKS, WHITE ARMS AND HANDS, DR. CAMPBELL'S SAFE ARSENIC COMPLEXION WAFERS AND FOUL'S MEDICATED ARSENIC COMPLEXION SOAP.

Will Give You All These.

If you are annoyed with PIMPLES, BLACK HEADS, FRECKLES, BLOTCHES, MOTH, PLESH WORMS, EZZEMA, or any blemish on the skin, call or send for a box of DR. CAMPBELL'S WAFERS and a cake of FOUL'S MEDICATED ARSENIC SOAP.

The only genuine beautifiers in the world. WAFERS by mail \$1.60 LARGES BOXES \$3.50. Soap, 50 cents. Address all orders to H. B. FOUL, Sole Proprietor, 144 YONGE STREET, TORONTO, ONT. LYMAN BROS. & CO. Wholesale Agents, 71 FRONT STREET EAST, TORONTO, CANADA.

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Bargain Day

OUR GREAT SALE still continues. The balance of

the heavy goods must be cleared out, and to do so

we have made STARTLING REDUCTIONS all through

our stores—in many instances you can buy new, stylish

goods for HALF regular price.

ON GROUND FLOOR.

1st—15 Pairs Only Chenille Curtains, 3 1/4 yards long, heavy dado and

fringe, good width, all colorings, worth \$5 50, Friday \$4 10.

2nd—10 Pieces White Spot Muslin for curtains, regular prices 15c and 20c

per yard, Bargain Day 10c.

3rd—20 Pairs White Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, regular price \$1 85,

Friday \$1 25.

4th—7 Pieces All Silk Crepe de Chene, regular price 47c, Friday for 36c.

5th—20 Only Ladies' Skirts, all wool, silk embroidered, worth \$2, on Friday

just half, \$1 only; they won't last long.

6th—10 Pieces Columbia Suits, regular price 20c, Friday 15c.

7th—10 Pieces Colored Dress Goods, regular price 50c, Friday 25c. Come

early, for this line will not last many hours.

8th—7 Pieces Knotted Cheviot Dress Goods, worth 75c, the newest goods

in the market, but out they must go Friday, 50c.

9th—8 Pieces Silk Mixed Plaids, worth 50c, Friday, Bargain Day, 32c.

10th—7 Pieces Knotted Plaids, worth 50c, half price Friday, 25c.

11th—White All-Wool Blankets, worth \$3 50, Friday for \$2 97.

12th—Eiderdown Flannel, good shades, worth 40c, Friday for 25c.

13th—Unbleached Table Damask, worth 45c, Friday 34c. Our sale still

continues. Everything must go.

14th—All-Wool Tweed, Fine and Heavy, worth 75c, Friday for 49c.

15th—Paisley Pattern Flannelette, just the thing for ladies' wrappers, worth

25c, Friday for 12 1/2c.

16th—Fawn Flannelette, wide and very heavy, worth 12 1/2c, Friday for 6 1/2c.

17th—White Quilts, large size, with fringe, worth \$1 25, Bargain Day \$1 08.

18th—Colored Art Quilts, full size, very fine, worth \$2 50, for \$1 50.

19th—Unbleached Sheet, Plain or Twilled, 2 yards wide, worth 17c, Fri-

day 12 1/2c.

20th—Gray Flannel Sheet, 36 inches wide, worth 25c, Friday for 19c.

21st—Eiderdown Comforters, 6x6 feet, down proof sateen, worth \$5, Fri-

day \$4 25.

22nd—Art Table Covers, crimson and garnet, 1 1/2 yards square, worth \$1,

Friday 69c.

23rd—Heavy Ribbed All-Wool Hose, double heels and toes, worth 25c, Fri-

day 20c.

24th—Ladies' Plain Wool Hose, double heels and toes, worth 18c, for 13c

Friday.

25th—Ladies' Black Undressed Musquetaire Kid Gloves, worth \$1 25, Fri-

day 78c.

26th—Fancy Embroidered Swiss Handkerchiefs, worth 20c, Bargain Day

two for 25c.

27th—Colored Silk Windsor Ties, worth 35c, Friday, Bargain Day, 17c.

28th—Colored All-Wool Cashmere Gloves, worth 15c, Friday for 10c.

29th—Ladies' White Cotton Drawers, lace trimmed, worth 20c, Friday 15c.

30th—Ladies' White Night Gowns, made of good cotton, embroidery trim-

med, clusters of tucks in yoke, worth 75c, Friday for 55c.

31st—Ladies' White Night Gowns, made of heavy cotton, lace trimmed, tucks

in yoke, worth 45c, Friday for 34c.

32nd—Ladies' White Cambric Skirts, tucked, made of good cambric, worth

60c, Friday for 46c.

33rd—Ladies' Knitted Wool Skirts, worth 65c, Bargain Day 46c.

34th—Ladies' Fine Flannelette Night Gowns, silk embroidery trimmed, worth

\$1, Bargain Day for 76c.

35th—Men's Heavy Gray Flannel Top Shirts, regular price 80c, Friday 63c.

36th—Men's Black Ribbed All-Wool Socks, regular price 25c, Bargain

Day 18c.

37th—Men's Heavy Union Socks, worth 10c, Friday 3 for 25c.

38th—Men's Fine Scotch Wool Underwear, regular price \$1, Bargain

Day 75c.

39th—Men's Fine Union Shirts and Drawers, worth 45c, Bargain Day 33c.

40th—Boys' Navy Blue Home-made Mitts worth 25c, Friday for 15c.

41st—Boys' Large Sized Shirts and Drawers, regular 50c, Friday for 30c.

42nd—Men's All-Wool Cardigan Jackets, small size, worth 75c, Bargain

Day 43c.

43rd—Men's Heavy Fancy Neck Scarfs, worth 25c, Friday 2 for 25c.

44th—Men's Fine Fleece Lined Underwear, regular price 50c, Friday 42c.

ON FIRST FLOOR.

45th—Men's Frieze Storm Ulsters, worth \$5, Bargain Day for \$3 60.

46th—Men's Very Heavy Storm Frieze Ulsters, worth \$6 50, Friday for \$4 95

47th—Men's Fibre Chamois Interlined Fine Frieze Ulsters, worth \$9 50,

for \$6 95.

48th—Men's Fine All-Wool Beaver Overcoats, Fibre Chamois Interlined, worth

\$12, Bargain Day \$8 50.

49th—Men's Frieze Pea Jackets, brown and gray, worth \$4, Bargain Day

\$2 90.

50th—Men's Fine Custom-Made Gray Melton Pea Jackets